**CHAPTER 23** Symptoms, Signs, and Abnormal Clinical Laboratory Findings

OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this chapter, the learner should be able to:

1. Identify terms used in locating codes for symptoms, signs, and ill-defined conditions found in chapter 18 of ICD-10-CM.
2. Explain terms found in documentation that would lead a coder to chapter 18 of ICD-10-CM.
3. Describe and understand the conditions classified to chapter 18 of ICD-10-CM.
4. Discuss the specific coding guidelines that relate to Symptoms, Signs, and Abnormal Clinical and Laboratory Findings.
5. Select and code signs, symptoms, and ill-defined conditions from case studies.

**CHAPTER 23**

**CHAPTER REVIEW ANSWERS**

**True/False**

1. False

2. True

3. False

4. False

5. True

**Fill-in-the-Blank**

6. signs, symptoms

7. syncope

8. coma

9. R00.1

10. R07.2

**Coding Assignments**

1. R00.2

2. R10.814

3. R20.1

4. R11.2

5. R07.1

6. R10.825

7. R29.1

8. R01.1

9. R27.0

10. R29.890

11. R06.01

12. R03.0

13. R10.13

14. R29.6

15. R14.2

16. R23.0

17. R44.0

18. R45.1

19. R30.9

20. R53.81

21. R62.51

22. R57.0

23. R39.12

24. R41.2

25. R73.09

**Case Studies**

**Case 1: R51**

Reference the main term *Headache.*

**Case 2: R06.02**

Reference the main term *Shortness*, then *breath.*

**Case 3: R18.8**

Reference the main term *Ascites (abdominal).*

**Case 4: R04.0**

Reference either main term: *Epistaxis* or *Nosebleed.*

**Case 5: R53.81, R53.83**

Reference the main term *Malaise* for the first code. The second code is found by referencing the main term *Fatigue.*

**Case 6: R10.31, R11.2**

Reference the main term *Pain, abdominal, lower, right quadrant.*

Reference the main term *Nausea, with vomiting.*

**Case 7: R91.8**

Reference the main term *Mass, lung.*

**Case 8: R19.7, R63.4**

Reference the main term *Diarrhea, diarrheal (disease) (infantile) (inflammatory).*

Reference the main term *Loss, weight (abnormal) (cause unknown).*

**Case 9: R78.2**

Reference the main term *Findings, abnormal, inconclusive, without diagnosis, in blood (of substance not normally found in blood), cocaine.*

**Case 10: R07.1**

Reference the main term *Painful—see also Pain, respiration.*